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April 05, 2022

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVE AVENUE K TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN PHASES IIIA, IIIB, AND IIIC
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
AVENUE K TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN PHASE IIIA
PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004012
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to procure a construction contract for the Avenue K Transmission Water Main Project in the City of Lancaster.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

1. Certify that the Second Addendum to the previously adopted Negative Declaration for the approved Avenue K Transmission Water Main Project, which includes Phases IIIA, IIIB, and IIIC; has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County; find that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Second Addendum with the Negative Declaration and previous Addendum as applicable prior to approving the project; and adopt the Second Addendum.
2. Approve Phases IIIA, IIIB, and IIIC of the Avenue K Transmission Water Main Project.

3. Adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Project Management Division III of Public Works for the Avenue K Transmission Water Main Phase IIIA Project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$3,700,000 and \$5,500,000.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids for Phase IIIA in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on May 3, 2022, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the Phase IIIA bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Avenue K Transmission Water Main Phase IIIA Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$3,700,000 and \$5,500,000 or exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will adopt the Second Addendum to the Negative Declaration for Phases IIIA, IIIB, and IIIC of the project and allow Public Works to complete Phase IIIA, which will install approximately 4,000 feet of 36-inch water main along Avenue K between 10th Street West and 15th Street West and 17th Street West to 20th Street West in the City of Lancaster (see Enclosure).

The project will improve system reliability in the region by reducing pressure fluctuations.

It is anticipated that construction for approved Phase IIIA of the project will start in October 2022 and be completed in March 2023 to meet City requirements and avoid conflicts with the City's overlapping road reconstruction project.

After obtaining the necessary permits, Public Works will return to the Board for approval to advertise and award Phases IIIB and IIIC, which includes installation of approximately 5,000 feet and 1,800 feet, respectively, of 36-inch water main adjacent to Phase IIIA.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete Phase IIIA of the approved project is in the range of \$3,700,000 and \$5,500,000. The total cost of Phase IIIA is estimated to be \$6,400,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total cost of Phase IIIA includes the preparation of plans and specifications, materials testing and reporting, survey, traffic control, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this Phase IIIA is included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Phase IIIA of the approved project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 29, 2008, the Board approved the Negative Declaration for the Avenue K Transmission Water Main, Phases I to IV Project. The Negative Declaration found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). On June 12, 2018, the Board adopted an Addendum for Phase IV of the previously adopted Negative Declaration. In accordance with Sections 15162 and 15164 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines, a Second Addendum to the Negative Declaration identified three phases for previous Phase III. Phases IIIA, IIIB, and IIIC had minor changes including pipe size and slight location changes that do not result in any significant effect on the environment. There are no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under the CEQA.

The location of documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter can be viewed online at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/wwd/web/SystemImprovements/DistrictNo40.aspx> or in person at Los Angeles County Public Works, Waterworks Division, 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Building A9-East, 4th Floor Alhambra, CA 91803. The custodian of such documents and materials is Waterworks Division, Capital Projects Design and Development Services Section.

The required fee, if any, to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife was paid for the previously adopted Negative Declaration.

Upon the Board's adoption of the project as revised, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 21152 (a) of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice of Determination to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county>

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises, Social Enterprises, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.204, 2.205, and 2.211.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Phases IIIA, IIIB, and IIIC facilitates delivery of regional infrastructure improvements and, when completed, will have a positive impact by ensuring water supply reliability in the region by reducing pressure fluctuations, thereby protecting the health and safety of existing customers.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

Avenue K Transmission Water Main Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley

